

Capital Improvements Program

FY 2007 - 2013

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



Neighborhood Small Projects Program

Program Background

Annually, the City accepts applications from citizen groups for the Neighborhood Small Projects Program. The requested project must be for a specific capital improvement and take place on publicly owned property. Applications for “soft costs” such as project planning are not eligible. Funding up to \$100,000 is available for this program, pending approval by City Council. A team of representatives from eight City departments and two citizen representatives review and rank the applications. The team’s recommendations are then sent to the Planning Board and City Council for approval as part of the Capital Improvements Program.

Current Applications

City staff received the following three applications for FY 07-08:

- **Heath Park:** \$20,000 for park improvements.
Staff recommends approval of the application with the funds focused on safety improvements, with further work with Parks and Recreation for other improvements.
- **Warnersville Recreation Center:** \$35,000 for park expansion
Staff recommends approval of the application, pending a neighborhood meeting for site plan approval.
- **Westerwood:** \$32,400 for stamped crosswalks at 15 intersections.
Staff recommends denial, advising the neighborhood to work with GDOT’s standing crosswalk request process.

Heath Park

Location: Heath Park, south of Holts Chapel Road, east of Franklin Blvd.

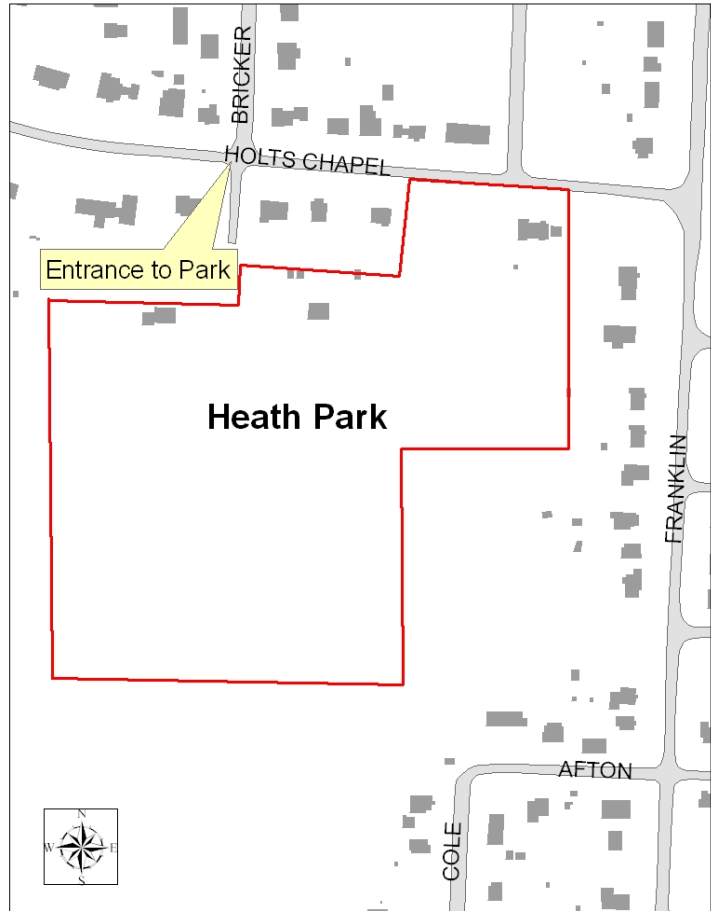
Application Request:

\$20,000 for improvements to the park, including:

- Paving the entrance and parking area
- Adding an additional entrance
- Improved signage
- Increased lighting
- Installing a security fence around the park
- Tree thinning to increase visibility
- Demolition of shed
- Creation of a group-use area and a family-use area
- A field for use by multiple sports
- Bicycle and walking trails

Team Recommendation:

Approval of the requested funding to be used for improving safety with lighting and landscape improvements. The Team further recommends that the neighborhood meet with Parks and Recreation to prioritize other work to be done in the park. This will include cost estimates and possible sources of funding such as this program and other grants.



Warnersville Recreation Center

Location: South of Doak St. and west of Ashe St.

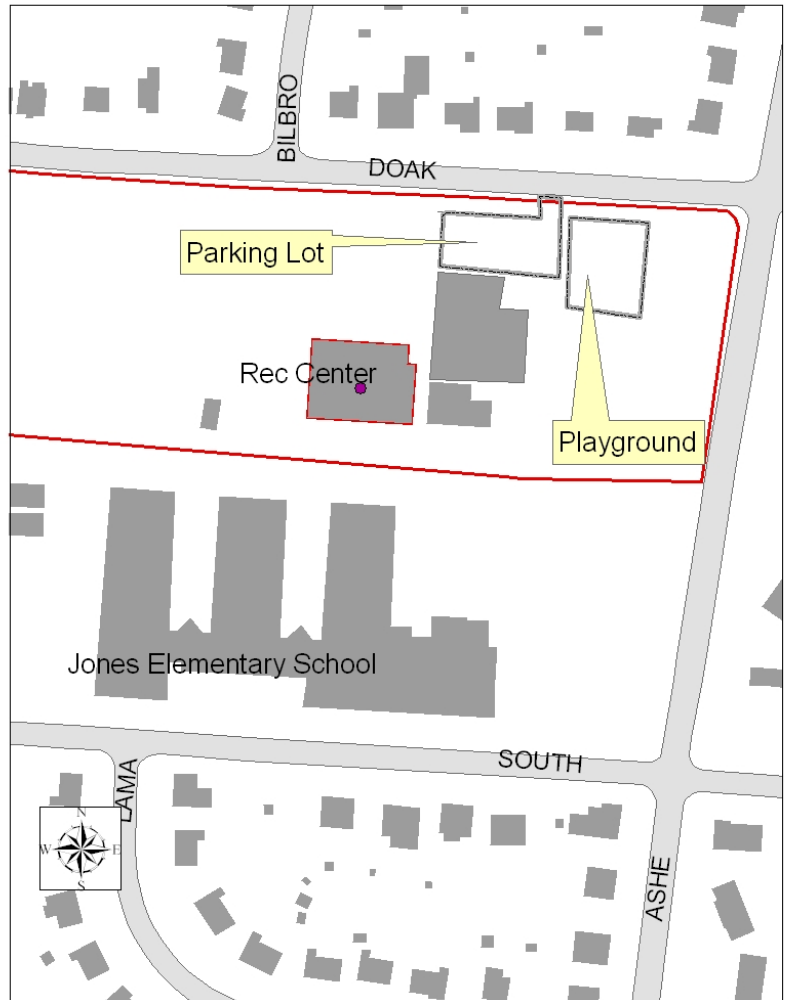
Application Request:

\$35,000 for expanding the current parking lot and moving playground equipment.

Team Recommendation:

Fund as requested. Though members of team expressed support for on-street parking and sharing parking utilities with Jones Elementary School, the small size of the existing lot, just over 20 spaces, was far out of scale with the amount of parking needed.

Because this project includes the moving the current playground, Parks and Recreation will develop a site plan and share this plan with the neighborhood to determine if there is major opposition to the project.



Westerwood Crosswalks

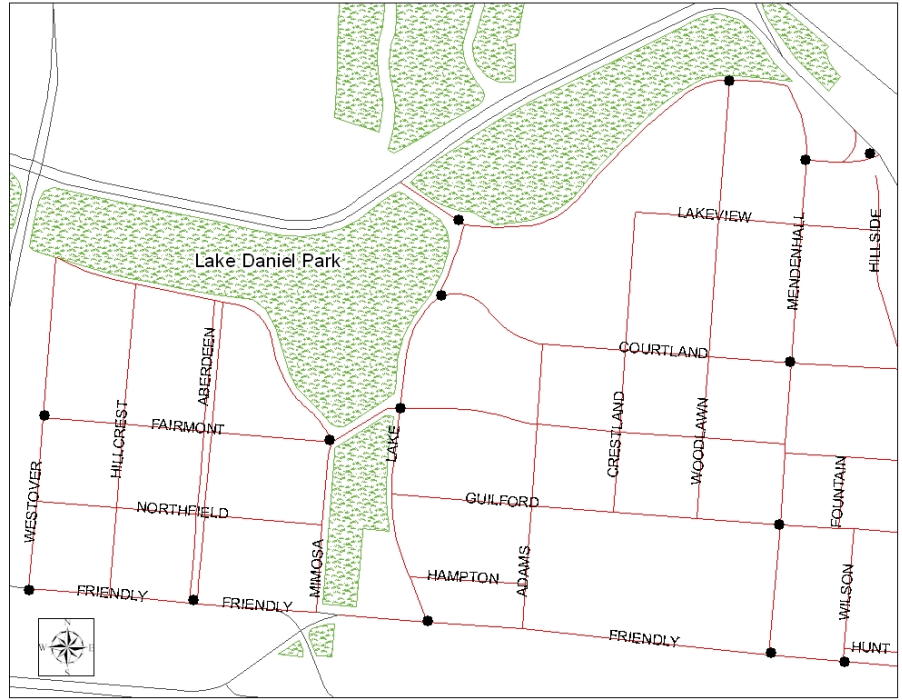
Locations: 15 throughout Westerwood.

Request: \$32,440 for stamped and painted asphalt crosswalks at 15 intersections in the neighborhood. Each intersection would get multiple crosswalks, for a total of 37 crosswalks.

Team

Recommendation:

Though the team feels strongly that increasing pedestrian safety and access is an important goal, their recommendation is that this project not be funded. The neighborhood should use GDOT's existing crosswalk request process to add crosswalks at these locations.



The reasons for this recommendation are as follows:

- Although the cost estimates for the original work are correct, there are ongoing maintenance concerns with this type of crosswalk.
- There is no evidence indicating that stamped crosswalk are more effective than other, less costly types.
- The variety of street widths and traffic speed and volume at the various intersections suggest that one type of crosswalk may not work at all locations.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING SIX YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, capital improvements programming is a comprehensive approach to improving social and physical conditions in a governmental jurisdiction by evaluation of growth and development trends;

WHEREAS, capital improvements programming serves as a basic framework for scheduling public improvements and requires the assistance of government officials and agencies, as well as community residents;

WHEREAS, a report entitled *2007-2013 Capital Improvements Program* has been prepared;

WHEREAS, the report provides a comprehensive listing of needed public improvements and related financial resources, indicates estimated future revenues and operating expenditures, illustrates the importance of relating the City's comprehensive plans to its fiscal capability and provides recommendations for scheduling each public improvement project, while estimating planning, design and development costs

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City Council recognizes the capital improvements programming process as the translation of community goals and objectives into needed physical facilities which are essential to residential, business, institutional and leisure activities, and
2. That the City Council does hereby adopt the report entitled *Capital Improvements Program 2007-2013*. Following is an expense summary by service category and related financing as is included in the FY 2007 -2013 Capital Improvements Program:

Expenditures

Public Safety	\$40,038,195
Transportation	81,871,242
Economic and Community Development	34,478,606
Environmental Protection	302,958,443
Culture and Recreation	128,045,043
General Government	<u>3,500,000</u>
Total	\$590,891,529

Financing

General Fund	\$250,000
Enterprise Funds	84,328,844
Street and Sidewalk Funds	0
Powell Bill/State Road Funds	841,358
Authorized GO Bonds	109,539,236
GO Bonds to be Authorized	148,598,127
Revenue Bonds	220,554,599
Grants/Other Rev Sources	<u>26,779,365</u>
Total	\$590,891,529